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DECLARATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James Thomas Shiveley

Serial No.: 09/851,720 Group Art Unit: 3749 Filed: 05/09/2001 Examiner: Gravini, S.

For: RAPID EFFICIENT INFRARED CURING OF POWDER COATINGS/WET COATINGS AND FOR

ULTRAVIOLET CURING OF COATINGS AS APPLIED TO LABORATORY AND PRODUCTION

PROCESSING

DECLARATION

I, Deron A. Cook, declare as follows:

- 1. My name is Deron Cook; I am an attorney at Browse McDowell LPA of Akron, Ohio.
- 2. I am the attorney currently responsible for the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/851,720
- 3. This patent application was initially filed by Thomas P. Lewandowski, an attorney who is no longer with the firm of Browse McDowell.
- 4. On or about December 9, 2002 Mr. Lewandowski filed an Information Disclosure Statement.
- 5. Attached to the Information Disclosure Statement were a number of brochures and written materials.
- 6. Two of these brochures were described as showing the invention of the subject application.
- 7. I requested that the inventor, Thomas Shiveley, review the materials submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement to clarify whether the documents described the device of the subject application.
- 8. Mr. Shiveley has informed me that the documents do not show the device of the subject application because the brochures do not describe or show any device containing an ultraviolet energy source.
- 9. Mr. Shiveley has indicated to me that the devices shown in the documents provided with the Information Disclosure Statement are conventional infrared heating devices, which do not contain a ultraviolet energy source.
- 10. It is unclear why Mr. Lewandowski represented that the devices in the documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement indicate that the brochures refer to the devices of the subject application.
- 11. To my knowledge, this was an oversight and an incorrect description of the documents supplied with the Information Disclosure Statement.
- 12. The undersigned has secured the Declaration of Thomas Shiveley in support of the affirmations made herein.

I hereby declare that all statement made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United

States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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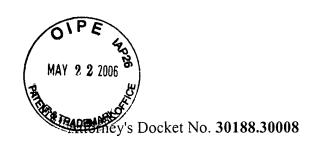
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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

[WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.]

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

RAPID EFFICIENT INFRARED CURING OF POWDER COATING/WET COATINGS AND/OR
ULTRAVIOLET CURING OF COATINGS AS APPLIED TO LABORATORY AND PRODUCTION
PROCESSING

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The spo	ecifica	tion of	which: (complete (a), (b) or (c)	
	(a)		is attached hereto.	
	(b)	\boxtimes	was filed on <u>May 9, 2001</u> , Serial No. 09/ <u>851,7</u> No. <u>EL722380494US</u> ; or	20_, by Express Mail
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

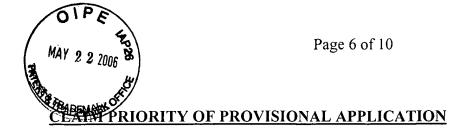
I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the
person to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56.
In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure
statement, 37 CFR 1.97.
CLAIM PRIORITY TO FOREIGN APPLICATION
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code 119 of
any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international
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below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's
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(d) on such applications have been filed.
(e) such applications have been filed as follows.
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Deron A. Cook 52,767

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Attached as part of this declaration and power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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I, James Thomas Shiveley, declare as follows:

- 1. My name is James Thomas Shiveley; I am the inventor of the device described in U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/851,720.
- 2. I have reviewed the documents that were provided to Thomas P. Lewandowski and which were filed with the invention disclosure statement.
- 3. None of the devices depicted in the documents, copies of which are attached hereto, show the ultraviolet feature of the device that is the subject of the application.
- 4. The devices depicted in the documents show conventional infrared heating units which were previously developed and sold by my company Innovative Industries. These devices do not have an ultraviolet capability.

I declare that all statements made herein are true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of this document and of the patent application to which it relates.

mes Thomas Thirthy this 18 day of may, 2006.



WE offer the POWDER/WET COAT Finishing Industry Turnkey Finishing Systems including the following Specialized Equipment:

- 1. Electric Infrared Pre-Heat and Curing Ovens:
 - Monorail, Chain-on-Edge, Belt Driven, and Batch.
 - Short, Medium, and Long Wavelength Energy Sources
- 2. Complete Electrostatic Powder Spraying Systems (*Economically Priced*) including:
 - Spray Guns and Multi-Gun Reciprocators.
 - Spray Booth Systems with Powder Retrieving Systems.
- 3. <u>NEW!!</u> Continuous In-line Paint Burn-off Systems (Patent Pending):
 - Processes At Normal Production Rates.
 - No Removal of Hooks Required.
- 4. <u>NEW!!</u> Pilot Infrared Curing Systems for Coated Parts to Simulate Process Parameters, Record Data and Establish (Patent Pending):
 - The Optimum Wavelengths, Process Temperatures and Times.
 - The Minimal Real Estate necessary for Processing High Quality Products.
- NEW!! Automated Powder/Wet Coat Blank (Sample) Testing Unit (Patent Pending):
 - Programmed: Wavelengths, Temperatures and Process Times
 - Establish Optimum Process Parameters.
 - Verify Formulations and Colors.



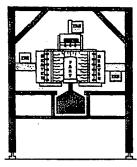
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MONO-RAIL OVEN



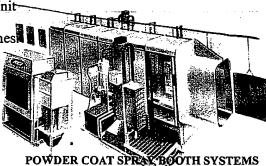
CHAIN-ON-EDGE OVEN



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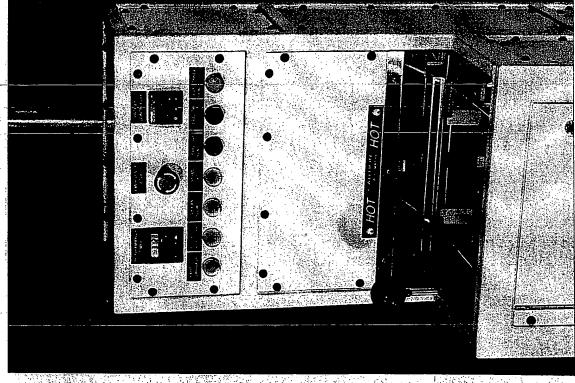


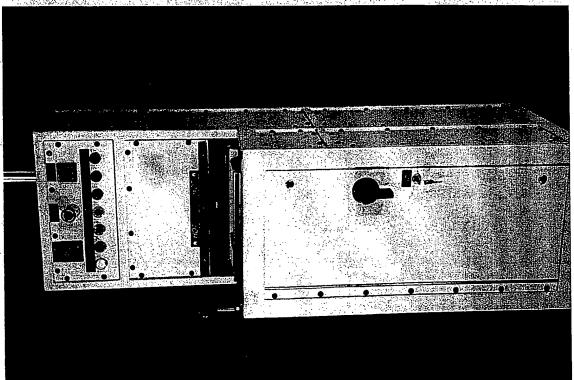
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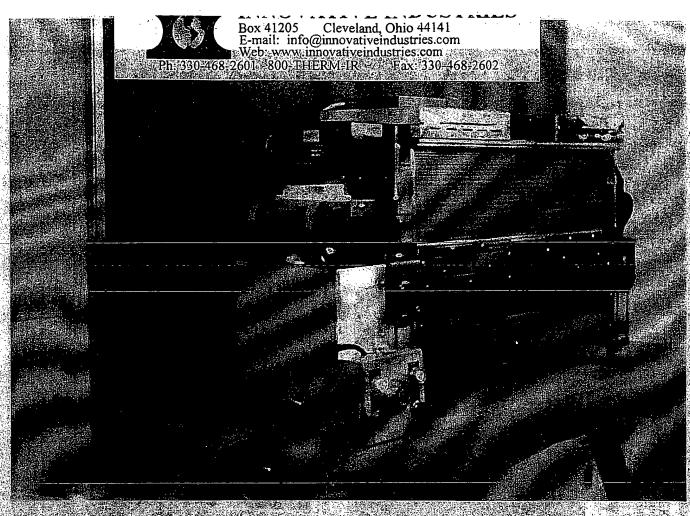


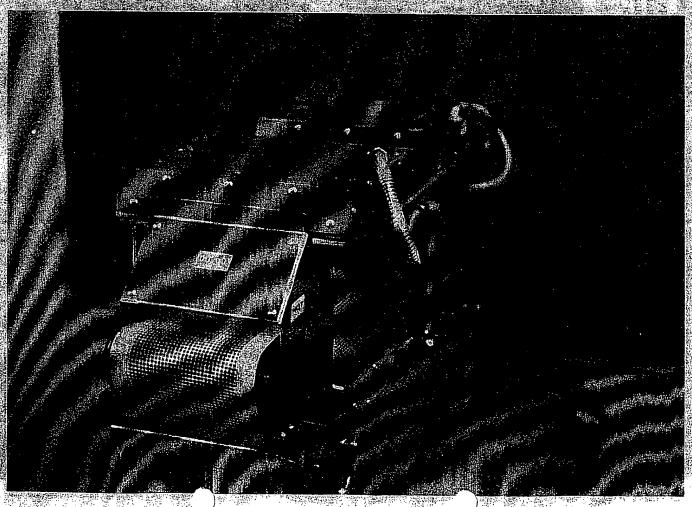
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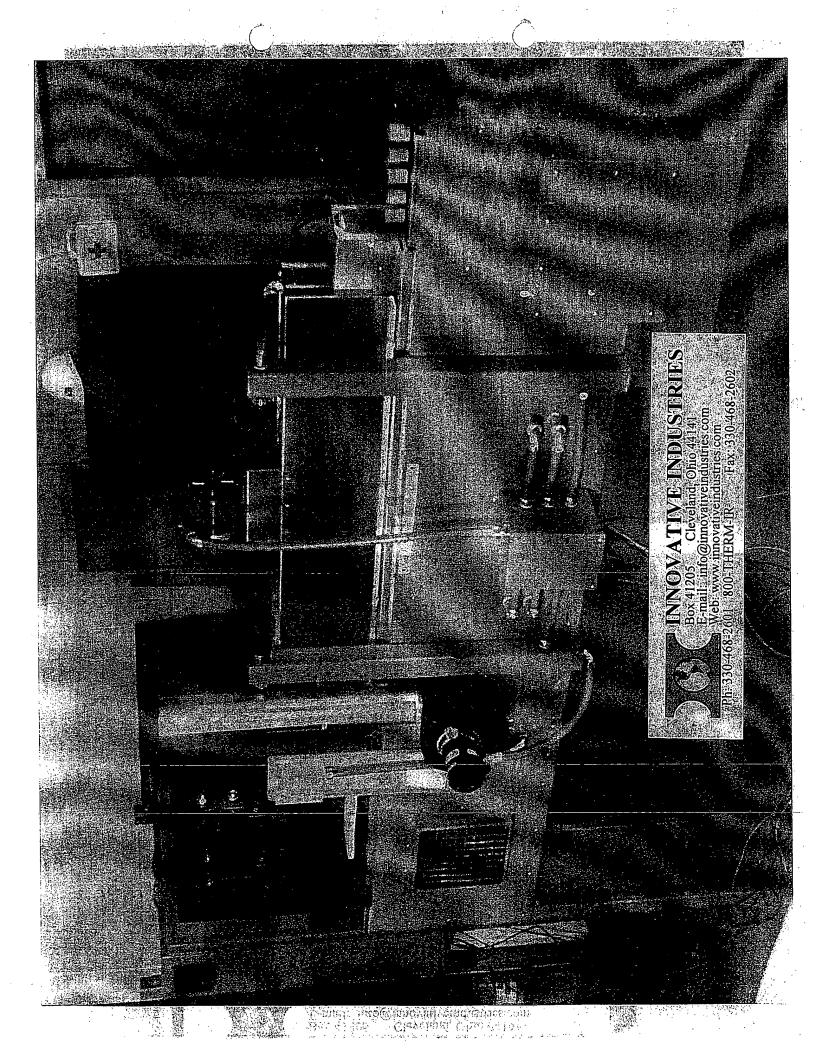
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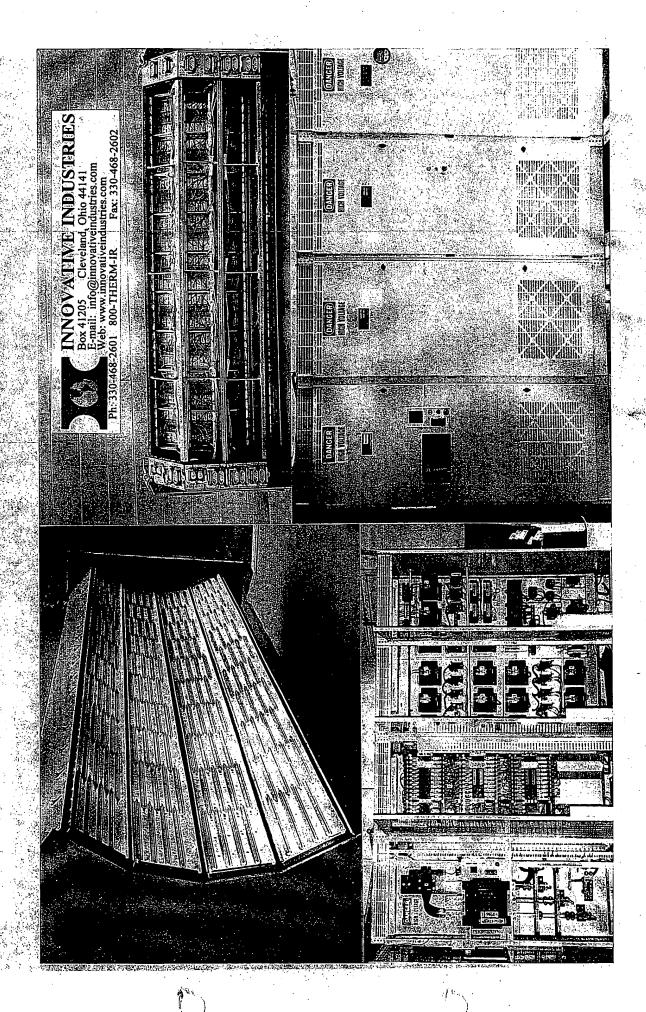


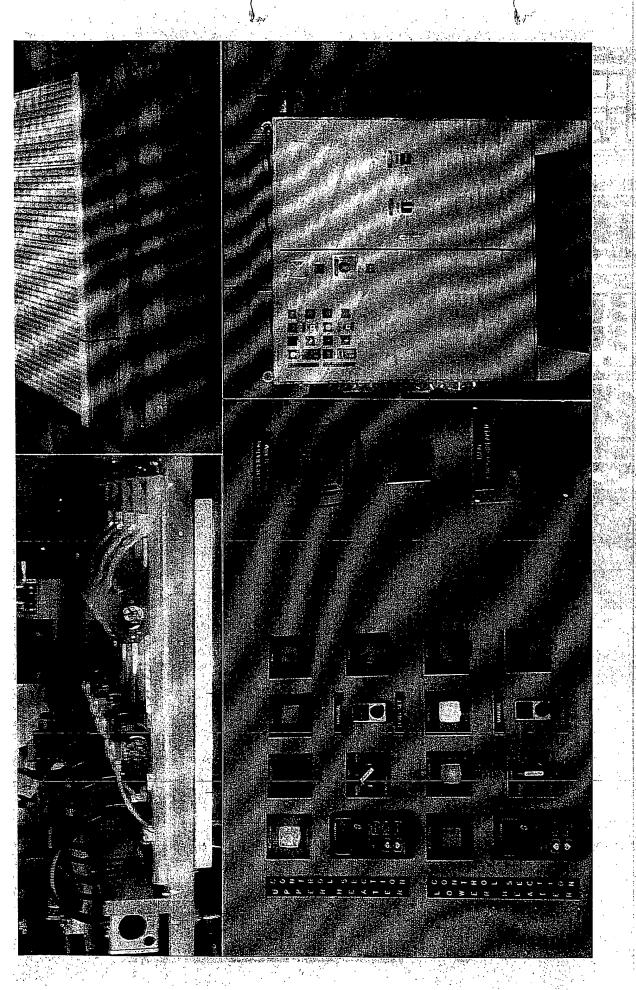


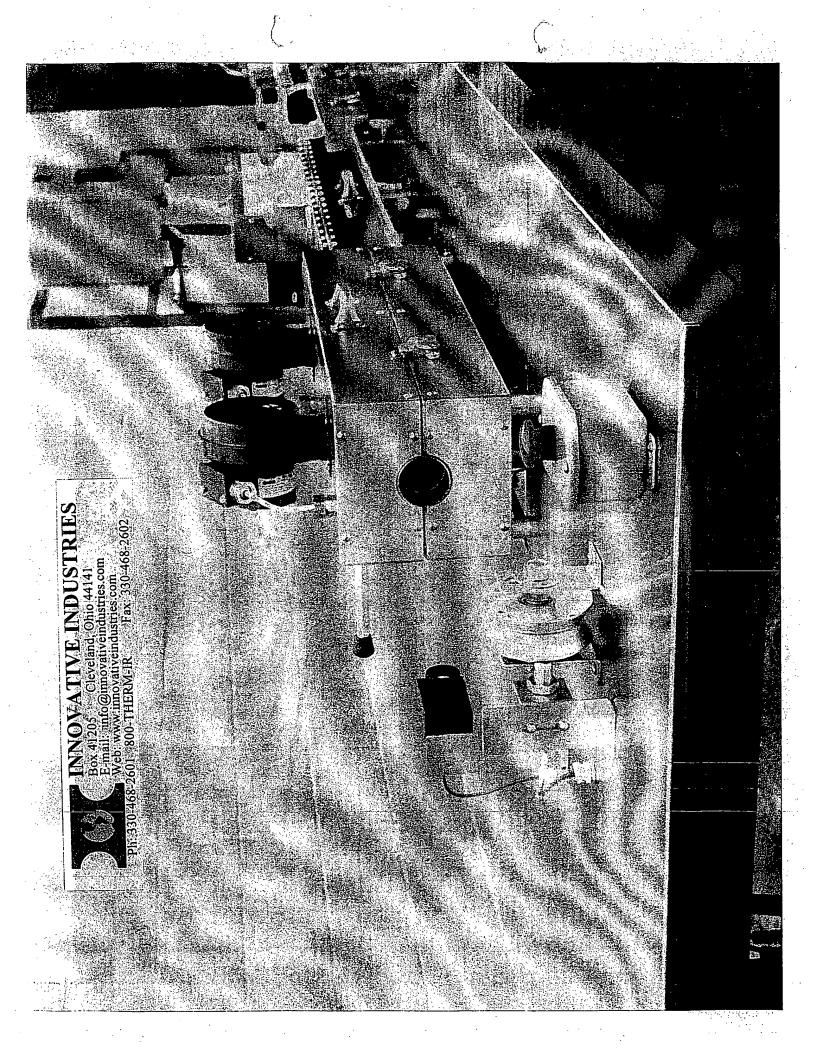


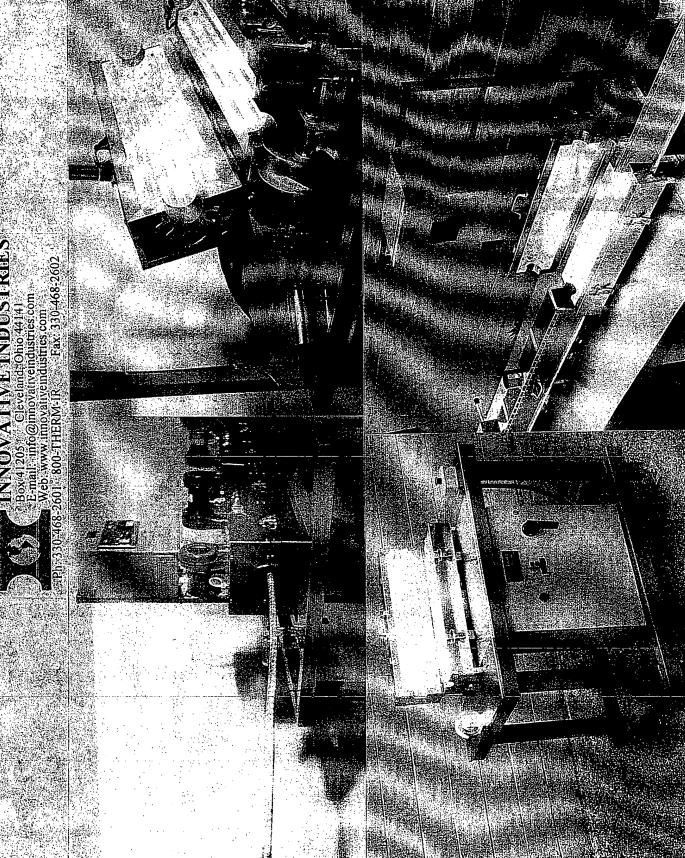












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INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIES CLEVELAND, OHIO USA

INDUSTRIAL THERMAL PROCESSING

- 1. Electric Infrared Energy is utilized for heating a host of parts and materials in Industry and Commercial applications. Surprising, to most individuals, approximately 80% of the materials and products about us could be thermally processed with Infrared Energy.
 - A. These Heating Systems may be somewhat simplified or they may be extremely complex Heating Technology wise and Power Control wise.
- 2. Innovative Industries has a reputation for <u>delivering</u>
 High Watt <u>Densities</u> over a <u>Large Target Area</u> under <u>Continuous Operating Conditions</u>.
 - A. A Single Heating System may range in energy dissipation levels of one Megawatt of power.
 - B. See Photos of Large Array Systems.
- 3. Innovative Industries has developed and manufactures Specialized Heating Systems for various Industries, offering High Production Rates under Auto-Control.
 - A. These Heating Systems may be <u>Stand Alone</u> or <u>Conveyorized</u>.
 - B. Major Industries which utilize these <u>Large Oven</u> <u>Systems</u> are:
 - (a) Paint and Powder Coat Curing
 - (b) Coil Line Drying
 - (c) Paper Drying
 - (d) Graphic Drying
 - (e) Plastic Thermal Forming

COAT DRYING TECHNOLOGY

- 1. Electric Infrared Energy is an excellent, Efficient energy source for most Coating Materials and Basic Plastic Materials (sheet and film).
 - A. The <u>Infrared Energy</u> is <u>Radiated Directly</u> on to the Surface where the <u>Energy</u> is <u>Dispersed Depth-Wise</u> through the Coating.
 - (a) The Degree of <u>Depth Dispersion</u> relates to the <u>Material Composition</u>, the <u>Percent</u> of <u>Pigmentation</u>, the <u>Coat Thickness</u> and the <u>Temperature</u> (Wavelength) of the <u>Emitting</u> Source.
 - B. Wavelength Effect on Energy Absorbtion:
 - (a) The <u>Energy Wavelength</u> is established by the <u>Emitter</u> (source) <u>Temperature</u>.
 - (b) The <u>Higher</u> the <u>Temperature</u>, the <u>Shorter</u> the the <u>Wavelength</u>.
 - (c) Standard Quartz Heating Lamps (T-3 type)
 emit_in the Short Wavelength Spectrum when
 operating at Rated Voltage. These Lamps emit
 in the Medium Wavelength Spectrum when
 operating at Half Rated Voltage.
 - (d) Quartz Tube Type Electrical Infrared Heaters deliver Medium Wavelength Radiated Energy.
 - (e) Ribbon and Foil Type Element Electric Infrared Heaters deliver Medium and Long Wavelength Radiated Energy.
 - (f) Black Body Panel Type Electric Infrared Heaters deliver Long Wavelength Radiated Energy.
 - (g) Metal Sheathed Type Electric Infrared Heaters deliver Long Wavelength Radiated Energy.

COAT DRYING TECHNOLOGY (con't)

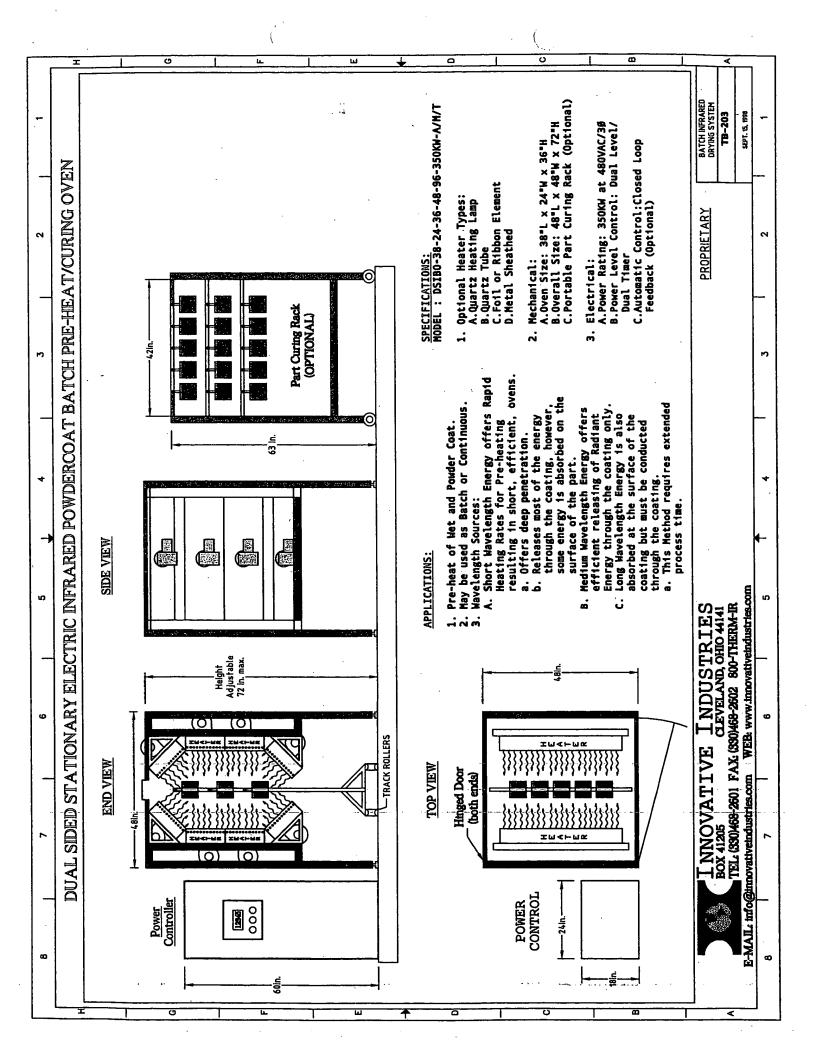
- 2. <u>Short Wavelength Energy</u> Sources offer very <u>Deep</u>-Penetration into the coating.
 - A. Energy is Released as it Passes Through the Coating into the product. The energy which is introduced into the product decreases the heat sink effect of the product. This Enhances the Wetting Action of the coating onto the product.
 - (a) In <u>Powder Coat Applications</u>, the heating of the part permits a <u>Rapid Geling</u> of the powder and Improved Wetting onto the part.
 - (b) In <u>Wet Coat Applications</u>, the heating of the part permits the <u>Driving Out</u> of the <u>Moisture</u> from the <u>Inside</u> with <u>Minimal Blistering</u> of the coating.
 - (c) These advantages result in <u>Very High Heating</u>
 Rates offering a much Shorter Oven Length.
- 3. Medium Wavelength Energy Sources offer Moderate Depth Penetration through the product.
 - A. Most of the Penetrating Energy is Absorbed in the Coating. This feature is ideal for Holding the coating at Curing Temperature after it has been Pre-Heated such as Curing Coatings on Plastic parts. This Minimizes the possibility of distorting the part.
- 4. <u>Long Wavelength Energy Sources offer No Depth of Penetration.</u>
 - A. All Radiated Energy is Absorbed Totally on the Surface. Any internal heating of the coating must be conducted in, requiring Extended Time for processing and Longer Oven Lengths.
- 5. <u>Multi-Wavelength Energy Sources offer a wide</u> Spectrum of various Wavelengths for <u>Optimizing</u> Process Performance.
 - A. These frequencies are <u>Variable</u> and may be <u>Adjusted</u> to improve <u>Efficiency</u> (Proprietary).
 - B. Processing Recommendations:
 - (a) Utilize Short Wavelength Energy for Pre-Heating applications.
 - (b) Utilize Medium Wavelength Energy for Curing or Holding Temperatures.
 - (c) Utilize Long Wavelength Energy for Curing as an Option to Medium Wavelength.

PAINT AND POWDER CURING OVENS

- Our Company offers a complete line of "<u>Turn Key</u>" <u>Curing Ovens</u>.
 - A. Oven Types include:
 - (a) Monorails (b) Chain-on-edge (c) Belt Driven (d) Batch
 - B. Monorail or Batch Ovens
 - (a) May have <u>Fixed</u> or <u>Moveable</u> <u>Walls</u> to allow for various product widths.
 - (b) We offer "Special Ovens" designed for Large Enclosures or Structural Sections (Proprietary).
 - (c) See Sketches on next page.

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COMPANY HISTORY AND CAPABILITIES

- 1. INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIES was founded in 1977, primarily as a High Density Electric Infrared Heating and Power Control Equipment Supplier of Standard and Specialized Hardware for Industrial and Aerospace Applications.
- 2. The Company is located in an Industrial Enterprise Zone of Macedonia, Ohio (a southeastern suburb of Cleveland) and consists of a modern 30,000 square foot building of manufacturing and office space.

3. The Company offers one of the highest levels of Electric Infrared Heating Technology in the world.

- A. In 1990 the Company supplied a 1200 watts / in² Heating System to NASA to Simulate Re-entry Temperatures on to the X-30 National Aerospace Plane. This system was designed to create 3000°F on the vehicle within three seconds.
- B. An Australian Company recently conducted a search for the Most Advanced Technical Company in the world offering the Highest Quality Infrared Heating Products available. Innovative Industries was selected to be #1 and acquired the contract.
- 4. The Company offers Design and Application Experience un-surpassed by any other manufacturers in their industry.
- 5. The Company offers many Standard Infrared Heaters and Heating Systems relating to a broad range of Industrial Thermal Processes.

APPLICATIONS

- 1. Paint (powder) Pre-heat/
- 7. Graphic Drying:
- 2. Paint (wet) Drying/Curing: 8. Adhesive Drying:
- 3. Paint Curing Simulation:
- 9. Part Drying:
- 4. Coil Line Drying/Curing:
- 10.Plastic Thermoforming: (Sheet or Structures)
- 5. Web Drying:
- 11.Plastic Pre-form: (Bottle blowing)
- (Textiles, Paper, etc.) 6. Sheet Drying:
- (Paper, Plywood, etc.)
- 12. Tubular Processing: (Hose, Pipe, etc.)

ELECTRC INFRARED SYSTEMS OFFERED

- 1. Electric Infrared Heating/ Power Control Systems:
 - A. Batch Ovens (fixed or pass-through)
 - B. Monorail Type Ovens (conveyor optional)
 - C. Chain-on-edge Type Ovens (conveyor optional)
 - D. Belt Driven Type Ovens (conveyor optional)
 - E. Automated Production Heating
 - F. Paint Curing Simulation
 - G. Surgical Patient Heating

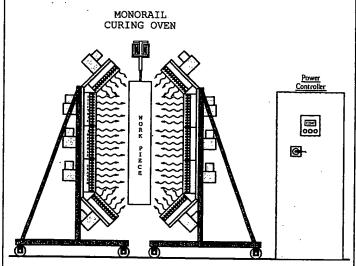
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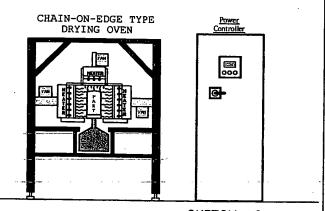
- 1. Paint and Powder Curing Ovens.
 - A. Our Company offers the following types of complete "Turn Key" Curing Ovens:
 - (a) Monorail
- (b) Chain-onEdge
- (c) Belt Driven
- (d) Batch



SKETCH #1

For Monorail and Batch Applications

- 1.May have Fixed or Moveable Walls to allow for various product widths.
- 2.We offer "Special Ovens" designed for Large Enclosures or Structural Sections (Proprietary).



SKETCH #2 For Chain-on-Edge Applications

1. Designed to allow part rotation for improved coating distribution.

NOTE: For Technical Information on Energy Wavelength, request, Technical Bulletin, TB-201, which explains:

- A. The Theory.
- B. The types of Heater Sources and their Wavelengths.
- C. The required Wavelength for a Specific Process.

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